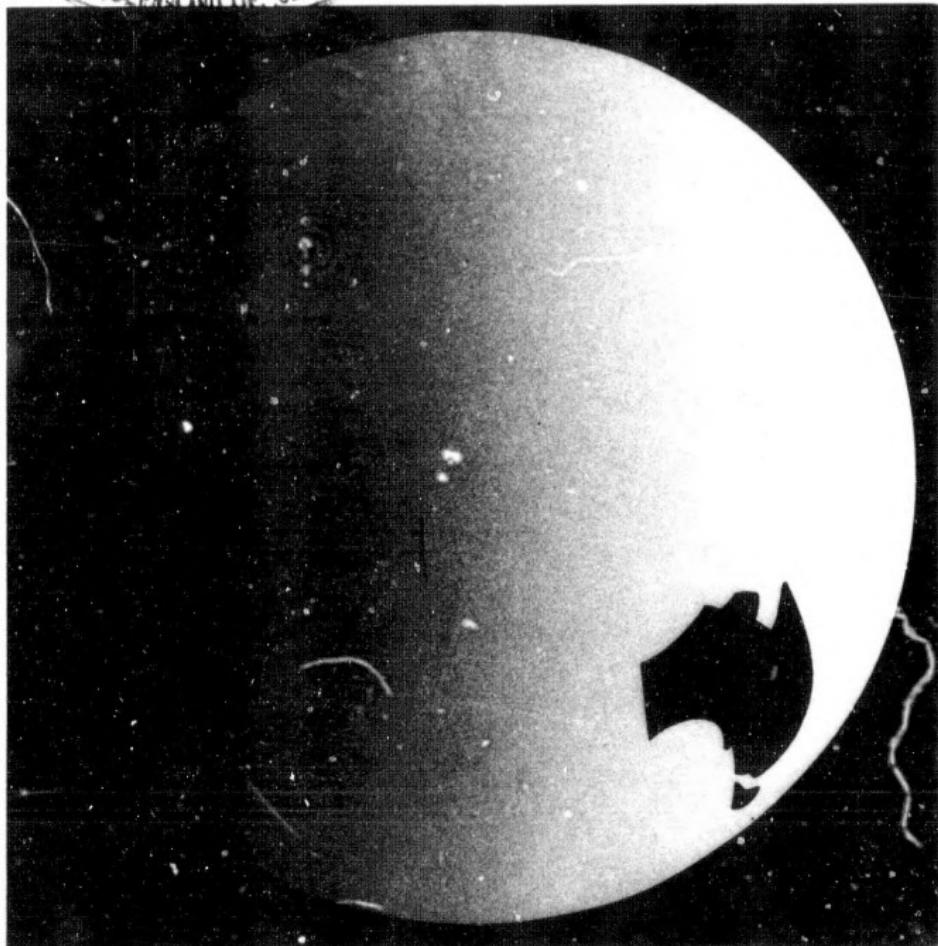


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Values are shown in terms of Australian dollars (\$)

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### Population

Total population, June	'000	10,548	12,247	12,486	12,728
Population under age 20	%	38.0	37.8	37.7	37.6
Births	'000	238	247	252	271
Natural increase (births-deaths)	"	149	139	143	158
Overseas movement: excess of arrivals over departures	"	85	126	113	101
Permanent and long-term arrivals	"	138	237	254	245
Short-term visitors arriving	"	93	332	389	429
School pupils, August	"	2,124	2,656	2,717	2,768
University students, June	"	58	110	117	124

### National product and expenditure

Gross National Product (GNP)	\$m	14,701	27,215	30,071	33,087
Personal consumption expenditure	"	9,329	15,959	17,430	19,062
Food and drink	"	2,865	4,436	4,757	5,122
Household durables	"	772	1,197	1,305	1,416
Transport	"	1,176	2,173	2,413	2,673
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	3,665	7,207	7,892	8,699
Private	"	2,415	4,688	5,181	5,787
Public authorities	"	1,250	2,519	2,731	2,912
Gross farm product (at market prices)	"	1,670	2,336	2,175	2,033
GNP at 1966-67 prices	"	17,054	25,821	27,104	28,283
GNP per head (at current prices)	\$	1,415	2,244	2,428	2,619

### Personal income (aggregate)

Total	\$m	11,457	20,586	22,685	25,279
Wages, salaries and supplements	"	7,516	14,050	15,767	18,083
Interest and dividends	"	652	1,203	1,344	1,448
Unincorporated enterprises income	"	2,120	3,057	2,999	2,860
Cash benefits from general govt	"	832	1,443	1,639	1,818
Personal disposable income	"	10,282	17,852	19,572	21,890

### Government finance

Current receipts (all governments)	\$m	3,842	7,605	8,682	9,613
Commonwealth Government taxes	"	2,871	5,530	6,382	7,185
Income tax, persons	"	1,037	2,377	2,855	3,175
companies	"	575	1,033	1,191	1,431
Customs and excise duties	"	717	1,249	1,353	1,519
Sales tax	"	346	494	569	633
State and local government taxes	"	557	1,218	1,342	1,419
Total outlay, current and capital (all governments)	"	4,232	8,856	9,732	10,571
Defence	"	363	1,018	990	1,073
Health and welfare	"	915	1,669	1,923	2,186
Age and invalid pensions	"	316	559	642	702
Education	"	413	1,000	1,170	1,406

**Primary production  
(excluding mining)**

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Net value of production	\$m	2,187	3,040	2,914	2,796
Agriculture	"	784	1,214	1,017	1,048
Pastoral	"	916	1,195	1,204	1,019
Dairying	"	284	381	419	433
Output					
Wheat	m bus	274	544	388	290
Wool	m lb	1,625	1,948	2,036	1,952
Meat	'000 tons	1,315	1,749	1,909	2,022

**Mining production(a)**

Net value of mining production(b)	\$m	278	729		
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Output

Metals (metallic content of ore)					
Copper	'000 tons	109	123	140	170
Lead	"	308	392	452	409
Zinc	"	317	437	488	437
Iron	"	2,814	20,502	28,223	35,738
Bauxite (alumina content)	"	31	3,207	4,158	5,761
Black coal	"	22,569	42,650	47,759	48,966
Crude oil	'000 bbls	..	14,066	30,643	93,946
Natural gas	mil cu ft	..	2,874	25,254	69,275

**Factory production**

Net value of factory production(b) (excludes electricity and gas)	\$m	4,167	7,589		
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Metal products, transport equipment, machinery, etc.	"	1,791	3,250		
Food, beverages, tobacco	"	542	1,208		
Textiles, clothing, footwear	"	461	706		
Paper and products, printing	"	319	660		
Chemicals, petroleum products	"	366	637		

Output

Ingot steel	'000 tons	3,748	6,599	6,766	6,693
Beer	m gal	236	327	341	356
Tobacco, cigarettes, cigars	m lb	58	62	66	67
Cars and station wagons	'000	229	342	394	375
Electricity output	m kWh	25	49	54	58

**Building**

Houses (number completed)	'000	80.8	91.5	97.5	95.4
Flats (number completed)	"	13.7	39.1	44.7	46.0
Value of houses and flats completed	\$m	627	1,182	1,379	1,466
Value of other new buildings completed	"	482	955	1,003	1,225

(a) Mining figures relate to the periods 1960, 1968-69, 1969-70, and 1970-71.

(b) Figures for 1968-69 are not comparable with figures for earlier years because of changes in scope, reporting units and data items, and for mining because of a change from a calendar to a fiscal year reporting basis.

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**Transport**

<b>Motor vehicles on register, June</b>	'000	2,963	4,586	4,861	5,140
Cars and station wagons, June	"	2,070	3,551	3,780	4,003
Cars and station wagons per 1,000 persons, June	no.	196	289	303	314
New motor vehicles registered	'000	290	483	526	541
Civil aviation (passenger miles)					
Regular internal services	mil	1,110	2,402	2,803	3,091
Overseas services (Australian airlines)	"	848	2,247	2,498	2,763

**Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)**

\$m 5,173 7,981 8,582 9,212

**Labour force**

<b>Civilian labour force, May—total</b>	'000	n.a.	5,197	5,386	5,525
—males	"	n.a.	3,580	3,665	3,728
—females	"	n.a.	1,618	1,721	1,797
<b>Employed persons (incl. employers and self-employed), May—males</b>	"	n.a.	3,544	3,631	3,684
—females	"	n.a.	1,578	1,683	1,758
<b>Proportion of total labour force, May</b>					
Manufacturing	per cent	n.a.	26.7	26.5	26.4
Primary production (excl. mining)	"	n.a.	8.3	8.2	7.9
Building and construction	"	n.a.	8.7	8.9	8.6
<b>Unemployed persons, May—total</b>	'000	n.a.	75	72	83
<b>Registered job vacancies, June</b>	"	12	35	40	32
<b>Trade union membership, December</b>	"	1,912	2,191	2,239	2,315
<b>Industrial disputes, working days lost</b>	"	790	1 30	1,804	2,574

**Wages, weekly earnings and hours**

<b>Wage rates index (base 1954 = 100)</b>					
adult males, 30 June		127	176	186	206
<b>Earnings (per employed male unit)</b>	\$	n.a.	70.2	76.1	84.7
<b>Hours (including overtime), adult males, October</b>		n.a.	43.3	43.6	43.5

**Prices**

<b>Consumer price index</b>					
(6 capital cities)	1966-67 = 100	89	106	109	115
Export price index,	1959-60 = 100	95	102	103	101
Wool price index,	1966-67 = 100	89	96	84	65

**Balance of payments**

<b>Balance on current account</b>	\$m	-737	-1,024	-760	-854
Trade balance (B.O.P. basis)	"	-209	14	414	423
Balance on invisibles	"	-528	-1,039	-1,174	-1,277
<b>Capital account: net apparent capital inflow</b>	"	655	1,173	796	1,456
Overseas investment in Australia	"	492	1,158	910	1,449
Australian investment overseas	"	11	50	149	60
<b>Net monetary movements</b>	"	-81	148	37	602

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**Overseas trade**

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m	1,938	3,374	4,135	4,375
Total imports, f.o.b.	"	2,175	3,469	3,881	4,150
Percentage of total exports to Japan	%	16.7	24.4	24.8	27.2
U.K.	"	23.9	12.0	11.8	11.3
U.S.A.	"	7.5	14.2	13.5	11.9
Percentage of total imports from Japan	"	6.0	12.0	12.4	13.8
U.K.	"	31.3	21.6	21.8	21.4
U.S.A.	"	20.0	25.4	24.9	25.1

**Major export commodities, f.o.b.**

Wool (greasy)	\$m	592	719	684	493
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	121	271	401	400
Wheat	"	205	258	338	433
Machinery and transport equipment	"	n.a.	182	280	325
Iron ore and concentrates	"	..	180	278	374
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	16	119	172	206
Sugar	"	70	122	116	150

**Major import commodities, f.o.b.**

Machinery (non-electrical)	"	n.a.	604	709	798
Road motor vehicles	"	187	283	340	366
Petroleum and petroleum products	"	209	251	254	189

**Finance**

Trading bank deposits, June balances	"	3,600	6,706	7,099	7,431
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	3,155	6,707	7,105	7,635
Trading bank advances at June	"	2,238	4,384	4,903	5,317

**Finance companies, balances**

outstanding, June	"	n.a.	2,822	3,395	3,980
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**Housing advances:**

Savings banks (loans approved to individuals)	"	n.a.	n.a.	469	567
Building societies	"	n.a.	332	444	
Commonwealth Government (includes advances to building societies and other institutions—\$48m in 1970-71)	"	164	239	263	288

**Life insurance: sum insured on new policies**

Net capital raisings of company sector—shares	"	1,658	4,352	5,522	7,031
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**—debentures, secured loans**

Rate on long-term Commonwealth securities, June	% p.a.	5.38	5.40	7.00	7.00
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**Notes**

Important components of the principal aggregates are indicated by indentation. Generally, figures are for the period 1 July-30 June; where indicated, they are for a specific month within the period.

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In those cases where all components are shown, any discrepancies between sums of components and totals are due to rounding.

States of Australia (1970-71 figures)		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld
Area	'000 sq miles	309	88	667
Population (June 1971)	'000	4,590	3,496	1,823
Crops (area sown)	'000 acres	12,408	5,585	4,813
Number of sheep	mil	70.6	33.8	14.8
Number of cattle	"	6.5	5.1	7.9
Output				
Wool (greasy basis)	m lb	693	431	169
Wheat	m bushels	111	37	4
Beef and veal	'000 tons	278	303	297
Mutton and lamb	"	259	308	49
Whole milk	m gal	276	899	168
Copper (content of ore)	'000 tons	14	..	122
Lead (content of ore)	"	250	..	146
Zinc (content of ore)	"	290	..	107
Iron (content of ore)	"	..	..	..
Bauxite (alumina content of ore)	"	3	4	3,795
Coal (brown in Victoria)	"	35,196	22,801	10,759
Value of production (net)				
Rural	\$m	762	716	483
Forestry (local value)	"	37	30	14
Mining (1968-69 figures)	"	223	48	153
Factory (1968-69 figures)	"	3,126	2,575	664
Personal income per head	\$	2,122	2,104	1,782

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane
Population (June 1971)	'000	2,800	2,498	866
Average annual rainfall	in	47.5	25.8	44.8
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.6	5.7	7.5
Temperature				
January, average maximum	°F	78.2	78.5	84.9
average minimum	"	65.0	56.9	68.9
July, average maximum	"	60.5	55.8	68.4
average minimum	"	46.1	42.1	48.9

#### Exchange Rate of \$A1—Average for February 1972 (selling rates)

U.K.	U.S.A.	Japan	New Zealand
48 new pence	\$U.S. 1.19	360 Yen	\$N.Z. 0.998

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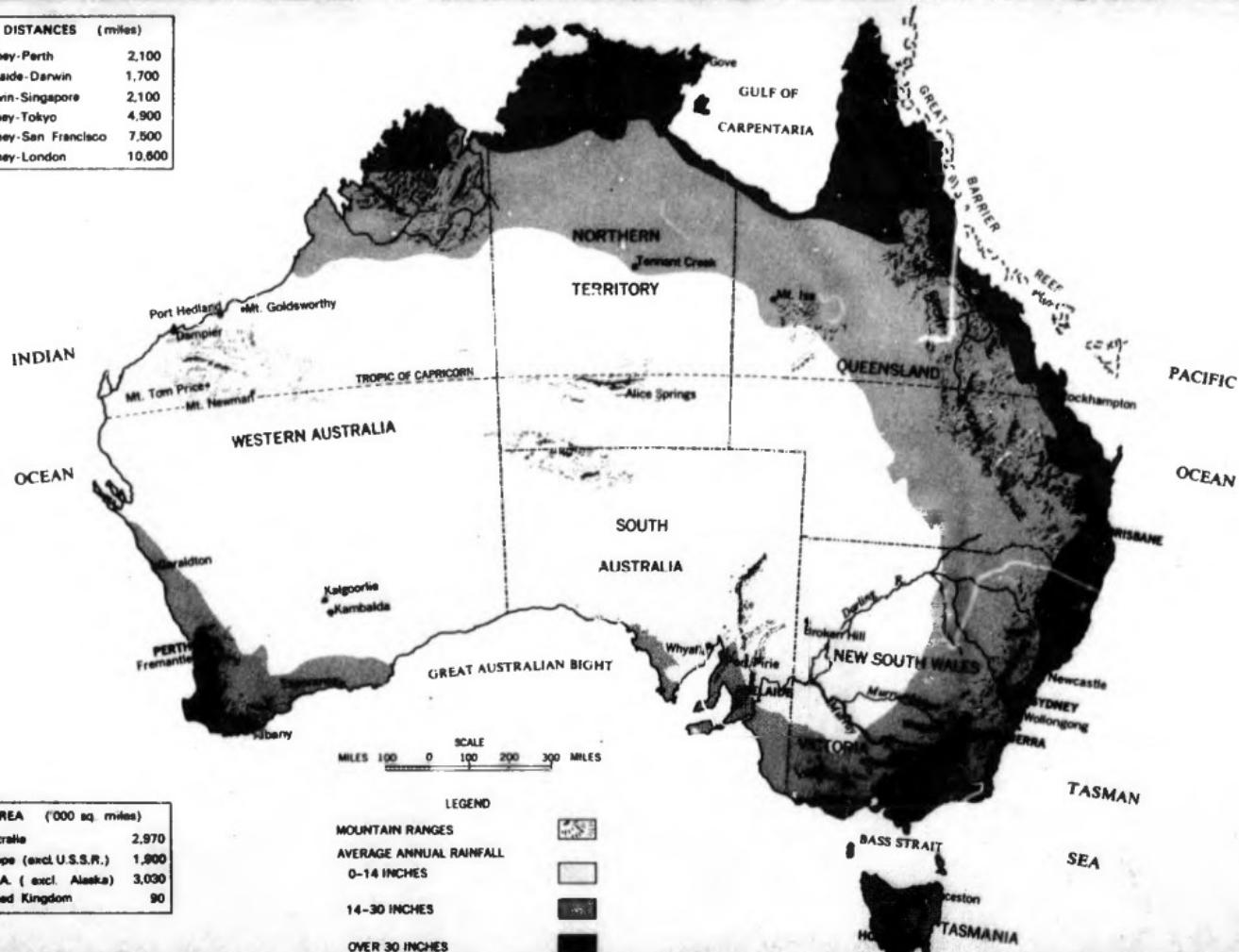
S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
380	976	26	520	1	2,968
1,173	1,027	390	86	144	12,728
6,439	9,728	418	14	7	39,412
19.2	34.7	4.5	..	0.3	177.8
1.2	1.8	0.7	1.1	..	24.4
259	350	48	..	2	1,952
29	109	..	..	..	290
43	63	29	14	3	1,031
90	77	26	..	3	812
104	55	98	..	1	1,600
1	3	24	6	..	170
..	..	12	..	..	409
..	..	40	..	..	437
4,646	28,992	1,390	709	..	35,738
..	1,856	..	103	..	5,761
1,600	1,171	116	..	..	71,645
250	286	71	21	2	2,592
11	15	16	..	..	124
54	188	40	21	1	729
640	357	204	9	15	7,589
1,783	1,956	1,751	included in S.A.	included in N.S.W.	2,010

Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
843	701	153	37	142
20.8	34.9	24.7	60.5	24.7
6.9	7.8	5.6	8.4	7.2
85.4	85.0	70.5	89.9	81.8
61.5	63.6	52.6	77.0	55.0
58.9	62.9	52.5	86.9	51.7
44.9	47.9	39.9	67.2	31.5

Germany (F.R.)	Canada	France	Italy
3.77 D.M.	\$Can. 1.19	6.02 Francs	693 Lire

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DISTANCES (miles)	
Sydney-Perth	2,100
Adelaide-Darwin	1,700
Darwin-Singapore	2,100
Sydney-Tokyo	4,900
Sydney-San Francisco	7,500
Sydney-London	10,600



AREA ('000 sq. miles)	
Australia	2,970
Europe (excl. U.S.S.R.)	1,800
U.S.A. (excl. Alaska)	3,090
United Kingdom	90